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DEFINITE PLANS ARE OUTLINED TO OBSERVE GOOD ROADS DAY

County People Meet at Washington Saturday and Discuss the Movement

ROAD DRAG IS APPROVED

Two Movements May be Combined—Numerous Speakers Praise Idea And Adjournment is Taken Until Saturday, May 8.

Definite plans were inaugurated in Washington, Saturday for Washington county's part in the state-wide good roads day observance throughout Pennsylvania on May 26. The matter was taken up at the meeting of the Washington County Farm bureau in the Community Building which was attended by about 75 good road boosters from many sections of the county. If the plans are carried out successfully the project will prove even more successful than last year.

Also on Saturday evening a meeting was held at Washington in the interests of the road drag movement, so it is not unlikely that the movement for the observance of Good Roads day and the movement in favor of the use of the drag will be combined into one.

At the meeting for Good Roads day Dr. W. D. Martin, Morris township chairman of the central executive committee of the Washington County Good Roads Association and the "father" of good roads movement in Pennsylvania presided. The session was preceded by lunch in the Community Building dining room, where the informal session was held.

Dr. Martin outlined the purpose of the movement, and J. M. McKee, county agriculturist, outlined the work that had already been done. Other speakers were: Rev. F. S. Brenneman of South Franklin township, Dr. W. S. Dodd, of Amwell township, Joseph E. Day, of Morris township. B. Fred Emery of East Bethehem, John N. McDowell of Buffalo township, County Commissioner R. L. Munce. C. E. Carothers of Washington, John L. Stewart, of Washington, Rev. C. L. McKee of Washington, H. R. Myers, Esq., Washington county member of the legislature and Charles M. Ketchum of Washington. Adjournment was taken until Saturday May 8.

At the road drag meeting in the Washington town hall, there were various speakers and the use of the drag in improving roads was described. It has worked successful in other points, and in the townships of this county where it has been tried the people are enthusiastic for its use according to the statements made at this meeting.

Palace Theatre

Tonight Mrs. Leslie Carter in the six act masterpiece, "Du Barry." Mr. Fred Lindauer who has created much comment with his wonderful playing to the silent drama has arranged special music for this feature.

Coming Wednesday

Clara Kimball Young in "LOLA" five act Shubert Feature. 250-tf

FIRE AT MONESSEN RENDERS SPARCINO FAMILY HOMELESS

Two Thousand Dollar Loss Reported in Neighboring Town at Sunday Morning Blaze.

The family of Phillip Sparcino, at Twelfth street near Morganavenue, Monessen, was rendered homeless by fire which destroyed the house in which they lived and a good part of their household furnishings. The dwelling was owned by Mrs. Mary Crouch of Coal Centre. The loss will be approximately $2,000.

Members of the family were in bed asleep when the blaze started in the kitchen. They escaped easily enough but were unable to save much of their household goods, and were cared for by neighbors. The Monessen fire department responded to the alarm but could do little but control the conflagration to the one house.

POLICE STOP AN ENJOYABLE GAME

Five Men Arrested Early Sunday Morning at Third Street House for Gambling

ALL DULY FINED BY BURGESS

Interrupting a pleasant little card game at a Third street house Sunday morning at about 1:30 o'clock the police placed five men under arrest. Burgess Woodward fined them each $5 and costs at a hearing on Sunday They were charged with gambling.

Colored men with one exception composed the party. Names on the police docket were given as follows: H. Waggoner. Albert Gaskins, Logan Stoner. Walter Smith, G. W. Simpson. With the exception of Smith and Simpson, all paid their fines. These two are serving time.

Three other were arrested Saturday night for drunkeness, and one of them was given a fine, his being a case out of the ordinary. The other two were discharged.

Two arrests were made on Sunday, one for drunkeness and the other of a man for disturbing his neighbors. This was John Carpenter and he had to pay into the borough treasury $3.

GINGER HILL GRANGE ARRANGES TO GIVE PLAY

The Ginger Hill Grange is making preparations to give a play. "In Old New England" at the Ginger Hill Grange Hall on Thursday evening of this week and to repeat the performance Friday night at the Sampson school house. Frank Whitefield and Mr. and Mrs. James Withrow will have important parts in the production.

HIGH SCHOOL FOLK CELEBRATE VICTORY

Speechmaking is Feature of Meeting in Observance of Literary Contest Decision at Local High School

Charleroi high school's splendid victory over Donora high school last Friday evening in the first literary contest ever conducted between the two, was properly celebrated this morning at the high school auditorium. Chapel exercises were held and then followed speechmaking and music in a dignified observance of the event.

Prof. S. R. Grimm, principal of high school first introduced Superintendent T. L. Pollock, then the contestants and then members of the high school faculty. Those who spoke in addition to Prof. Grimm and Prof. Pollock were Miss Grace Fleming, Curtis Collins, Ellsworth Hickey, Charles Mead and Miss Esther Wyatt of the contestants, and George Traugh, Prof. I. T. Daniel, Miss Alice Bastian, Miss Edna McMasters, Miss Zella Franks, Miss Trippett, Miss Muriel Scott, Miss Margaret Laird, Miss Rosetta Rodgers, Miss Ida Hugg of the faculty and Miss Pauline Collier a student. Also Myron K. Rodgers of Los Angeles, Cal., a brother of Miss Rosetta Rodgers made a few remarks.

Music was rendered by the high school orchestra and the high school students who sang.

REV. BURSON PREACHES BACCALAUREATE SERMON

Local Pastor Goes to Bentleyville Sunday Night to Make Address to High School Class—Twelve to be Graduated.

Rev. John R. Burson, pastor of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church, preached the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the Bentleyville high school at the Grand Opera house at that place Sunday evening. This was the first event of the Bentleyville commencement. Commencement exercises proper will be held on Tuesday night.

Twelve will be graduated from the Bentleyville high school this year. They are Thomas Jefferson Walker, Olive Ardella McGill, William McKinley Furnier. Eunice Irene Greenlee, John Randolph Fonner, Vada Mae McCarty, Gordon Franklin Harrington. Samuel McClain House, Clara Charlene Ames, Moore Hathaway Newlon, Bessie Cartwright Tudor.

The diplomas will be presented to the class by Principal C. P. McCormick at the exercise Tuesday. A good musical program will be carried out.

BOY OF 14 ORDERED SENT AWAY TO REFORM SCHOOL

Cheerful but irresponsible and not disposed to pay great attention to his parents' instructions, John Koratch, aged about 14 years, the son of Tony Koratch, who conducts a Fallowfield avenue fruit stand, is to be sent to Morganza reform school. It is alleged that the boy was in the habit of selling stuff from his father's place and pocketing the money and otherwise acting disobediently. He was apprehended while walking the railroads, as he said on his way to Brownsville. Asked as to his reasons for not taking the highway, he answered that he feared being struck by an automobile. The case was handled before Justice of the Peace E. E. Rice.

R. O. Vetter, William Vetter and Wylie McCarty were in Pittsburg Sunday.

MEN WITH BUM JOINTS CAN'T SERVE IN NAVY

Rather They Can't Serve in the Marine Corps. Though Sergeant Callan Will Be Here Wednesday Getting Men to Enlist.

No man with broken bones or bum joints will be admitted, and defective eyesight and hearing will consitute a barrier that cannot be surmounted, but others of good parts who can read and write are considered eligibilities by Sergeant Edward A. Callan of the United State Marine Corps recruiting service. Sergeant Callan is to be here at the postoffice on Wednesday of this week for the purpose of procuring recruits for the United States Marine corps.

Mr. Callan says that owing to the fact that the great American Battleship fleet is due to pass through the Panama Canal during the coming July, and visit the San Francisco exposition, as well as many cities on the west coast, an exceptional opportunity is offered to the youths of Charleroi who desire to travel and serve their Uncle Sam. Sergeant Callan will arrive in town about 8 o'clock from Pittsburg, and the office on the second floor of the postoffice will be open all day Wednesday. The age limit is from 18 to 21 and board pay and medical attendancce is furnished by the government.

REV. MEAD SPEAKS TO ODD FELLOWS; LARGE BODY ATTENDS

"The Dynamics of the Higher Manhood" is the subject that Rev. W. G. Mead preached on Sunday evening at the Methodist Episcopal church to more than 100 Odd Fellows in the observance of Odd Fellows' church day. The Odd Fellows met at their hall in the Bank of Charleroi building and marched to the church in a body. Each wore a carnation. Members of the Rebeckah order also atended. The sermon was one of appeal for higher things. A pleasing feature came at the conclusion. The choir sang a number. Then while the lights in the church were dimmed, sparkling lights were lit in the choir loft. The organist started the rendition of "America" and the choir and audience sang, as an American flag rolled from the ceiling of the choir loft.

STORY OF MINERS' DEATH TO BE REPEATED AT INQUEST TONIGHT

MARIAN CALISTRI DIES AFTER AN OPERATION AT HOSPITAL

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Calistri Succumbs to Attack of Appendicitis and Other Ailments.

From appendicitis for which she underwent an operation Thursday night last at St. Joseph's hospital, at Pittsburg, Miss Marian Calistri, aged 17 years, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Calistri of McKean avenue and Fourth street, died this morning at 2:00 o'clock at the hospital. Together with the appendicitis, Miss Calistri suffered from pleurisy and pneumonia.

An operation was found necessary soon after Miss Calistri was taken to the hospital and she failed to rally properly.

Besides the parents, three brothers and two sisters survive. The brothers are Edwarrd, Leo and Jerry of Charleroi and the sisters, Neva and Lillian; also of Charleroi. The body was brought home and prepared for burial this morning by Undertaker M. T. Crowley.

W. K. M'CRACKEN DIES, AGED 84

Widely Known Resident of Nearby Township Expires at His Home

FUNERAL SERVICES ARE HELD

William K. McCracken, aged 84 years one of the oldest residents of this section of Washington county, died at his home in Fallowfield township Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mr. McCracken had spent his entire life in Fallowfield township. He was a Republican in politics and for years had been a member of the Christian church. His wife died about 26 years ago.

The following children survive: Benjamin F. McCracken, in Washington state; Abraham McCracken of Fallowfield township; Mrs. Missouri Plants at home; Peter McCracken of Charleroi and Mrs. Bert Jones of Fallowfield township. He leaves 35 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren and one brother, David McCracken of Sugar Grove, Greene county.

The funeral services were held at the McCracken home Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. E. N. Duty, pastor of the First Christian church here. The interment was in the Maple Ceek cemetery.

For Sale.

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Deputy Coroner to Handle Investigation Into Knob Mine Tragedy

D'ARMITT POPULAR OFFICIAL

Head of Mine One of the Youngest Men in High Position in District—Funerals of Two Victims of Rock Fall Are Held.

The inquest into the death of E. S. D'Armitt, the mine superintendent of the Knob mine of the Pittsburg Coal company at West Brownsville, and Joseph Bashotti, will be conducted here at the undertaking establishment of Deputy Coroner Lawrence B. Frye at 6:30 o'clock. In the absence of Coroner James T. Heffran who today went to the Mercy hospital in Pittsburg to take treatment, Deputy Coroner Frye will conduct the inquest.

It is not expected that anything unusual will be developed at the inquest, and it is not thought that many witnesses will be examined. The story of those who know anything about the tragedy is expected to be the same. D'Armitt and Bashitti were in the mine examining the tracks to ascertain if they could be saved from a fall, when they were caught under a heavy fall of rock and slate. Shortly after another fall occurred making it dangerous for men to work at rescuing their bodies

The bodies of the two men were recovered the day after the tragedy, and the funeral of both have been held. The funeral of Superintendent D'Armitt was held at Grove City his former home. He was a well-liked and capable superintendent with the Pittsburg Coal company and one of the youngest superintendents in the district, being but 29 years of age. He had risen rapidly.

Deputy Coroner Lawrence B. Frye is today summoning a jury to hear the inquest.

BIG CROWD ATTENDS GOOD BOXING SHOW AT THE RINK

One of the largest crowds that ever attended a boxing show in Charleroi was present at the rink Saturday night, and some good bouts were fought. The final was between Eddie Wimler of Fair Haven and John Kirk of Southside Pittsburg. It would probably have been called a draw though Kirk claimed he outpointed Wimler. In the semi-final Tommy Levine of Pittsburg and Fritz Elsner of Donora, boxed six rounds in as pretty an engagement as could be desired. Swoger of Brownsville, decided to quit in the first round of his mill with Frascatore of Donora. Eddie Palmer and Kid Winfield engaged in a bout but their go was rather tame.

Another show is to be given tonight. A basketball game between Charleroi and the West Penn All Stars will be played, there will be a battle royal among five negros in the ring at one time, a mill between George Harris of Charleroi and Tom Anderson of Belle Vernon and a race between Mooks of Charleroi and Cione of Carnegie.

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BUYING AT HOME.

The German secretary of finance has just issued a remarkable statement, informal it is true, but none the less authentic and authorative, declaring that the finances of his country are sound, that no American loan has been asked or desired and that the help of Wall Street to the Allies will not seriously affect conditions in Germany or hasten the end of the war.

He asserts, says the New Castle Herald that the German people have oversubscribed two war loans and that a third can be absorbed if necessary.

And there is every reason to believe that the assertion is true. The German government will not be starved out or defeated because of the lack of money in the national treasury. When its resources are exhausted it turns back to the people with whom it has expended the money and goes through the same process again. No money leaves the country, and by the incurrenc of obligations to its own people the government can proceed indefnitely. The war will continue just as long as industry and enterprise can withstand the strain, regardless of finance.

This is because there is an imperative decree preventing the sending of money out of the country. This fiat is observed upon pain of heavy penalty. Reduced to simpler terms it is merely a command to buy at home. Money spent within Germany remains in Germany to be spent over and over again. It sounds like a pretty good war measure and a pretty good peace measure too, and it is.

MOTHS.

At the season when winter clothing is to be stored for use next winter the problem of protecting the garments from the ravages of moths presents itself. State Zoologist H. A. Surface comes to the rescue with a recital of tested methods. The house-wife may rely upon what he has to say with the certainty that if she follows his directions, she will have no reason to mourn when she unpacks her furs and winter garments next fall. Here is what he says:

"If the eggs or larvae of clothes moths are in clothing or other goods, the best way to kill them is to sprinkle benzine or gasoline abundantly over them; or put them into tightly closed vessel in an outroom and place on them a pie tin and pour into this a teacup of carbon bisulphate. As it exaporates it will kill all the pests in the container.

"Another good method is simply to sun the clothing well or whip it well in the sunshine; air it well, and then put it away in good paper or light cloth sacks that are tied tightly. It is important in storing woolen goods or articles or fur or feathers for the summer to be sure that they are stored away tightly, and the moths cannot get in them. Where they are put in boxes, strips of paper should be pasted over the cracks both inside and outside. If they are put into paper sacks they should be bound and tied very tightly. A sun drying is liable to be quite beneficial.

"Moth balls are useful only for the purpose of helping to prevent the entrance of such pests. It should be remembered that they do not kill the pests if they are present. Really tight sealing of receptacles or tight tying of good paper bags is more effective against the protection of clothing than moth balls. Of course with this precaution it is necessary to be sure that there are no eggs or larvae in the clothing when it is put away."

Electric Sparks

Monessen is starting work on a grandstand. Wonder what they will use it for.

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So far we have been much surprised to find the Colonel hasn't taken over the courts and run it to suit himself.

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The thing that remains to be decided now is when is a campaign contribution not a Y. M. C. A. gift.

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If he doesn't think he is an actor a defunct baseball player usually thinks himself an automobile dealer.

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WANTED—A man who is familiar with $10 a week.

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Pittsburg is just now for the first time getting a moving picture show that Charleroi enjoyed so many weeks ago it had almost forgotten it in the dusty past of ages. But then you couldn't expect a slow old city like that to keep up.

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Nobody has saved the country for at least a week, but Harry Thaw, Col. Roosevelt and Barnes are doing their best.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

"Are you the editor of the paper?" asked the lady with the drab spats, calling.

"I am," replied the man with the poised pencil.

"Well, I called to ask you if you wouldn't get larger type. My name was in your paper five times last week and a neighbor of mine told me she never saw it."—Yonkers Statesman.

Some time ago a pastor in Arkansas—that land where the salaries of preachers are as often couched in two figures as three—was given his report in the annual session of his conference. The day was a drowsy one in early fall, says the Northwestern Christian Advocate and the presiding bishop had partially yielded to Morpheus' sway. The preacher had just stated that he had received $66 as salary for the year, when the bishop started: "What's that you say?"

The preacher himself was alarmed in turn. Was it possible he was to be reprimanded in open conference for permitting himself to roll in such opulence as a $66 income would seem to afford!

"But, bishop," he apologetically added, "it was not all cash. One brother boarded me for 12 weeks and turned that in on account."

Order immediately ensued: the bishop relaxed to his soporific seance and the brother's character remained unmolested.

The woman jury in another state, where woman juries are permitted was out longer than the importance of the case would warrant.

The judge was impatient.

"What's the trouble in there?" he said to the baliff.

"I'll see," replied the bailiff.

"Hold on," cried the judge. "Tell 'em if there's any knotty points about the case that bother them they should appeal to me."

"Yes, your honor."

The bailiff went to the door of the jury room and returned.

"Well?"

"They ain't got to the case yet, your honor—they're still discussin' th' plaintiff's clothes."

A lawsuit was recently in full swing and during its progress a witness was cross-examined as to the habits and character of the defendant.

"Has Mr. M—— a reputation for being abnormally lazy?" asked counsel briskly.

"Well, sir, it's this way—"

"Will you kindly answer the question asked?" struck the irascible lawyer.

"Well, sir, I was going to say it's this way. I don't want to do the gentleman in question any injustice and I won't go so far as to say, sir, that he's lazy, exactly; but if it required any voluntary work on his part to digest his food—why he'd die from lack of nourishment, sir."

Crystal Palace.

The Crystal palace, which is to be closed in order to provide quarters for 10,000 recruits, is not without other connection with the war. Had there been no Krupps, there might have been no war, and the palace helped to make the great gun firm famous. The Krupp establishment at Essen was quite a small affair until a two-ton ingot of cast steel shown by the enterprising Alfred Krupp at the great exhibition of 1851 attracted shoals of orders, and led to almost fabulous prosperity.—London Chronicle.

Bits of Byplay

By Luke McLuke

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Ouch!

"Who was the best man at your wedding?" asked the old fogy.

"My wife," replied the grouch.

Betcha!

I like a modest girl who's meek,
Even though she may be shrinking.
For when a girl has too much cheek
She never does a thing but kissing.

Paw Knows Everything.

Willie—Paw, does taking great pains with anything mean being careful with it?

Paw—Yes, my son. Why do you ask?

Willie—I wanted to know if you could say that a dyspeptic is a man who takes great pains with his eating.

Paw—You go to bed, young man. You are getting too blamed smart.

Wuff!

A lady dame is Mrs. Mark,
Her cur is she will shark;
She's always doing fancy work,
But doesn't fancy work.

Huh!

"It is now said that inhaling sulphur will cure catarrh," remarked the thin man.

"That won't help much," replied the fat man. "You never suffer with catarrh after you die."

Advice.

My son, you should pay as you go,
Give ear to what I'm saying,
Or some day you will cause great woe
By going without paying.

Names Is Names.

Dr. J. B. Ache is a dentist at Uniontown, Pa., Dr. M. D. Cure lives at Weston, W. Va., Dr. Dye lives at Sistersville, W. Va., and Dr. A. Sickman lives at North Charleroi, Pa.

Fact.

You can't throw your wife off the track,
No matter how you try.
For, while she cannot drive a tack,
She sure can nail a lie.

No, Not if She Ate Cobs and All.

Dear Luke—If a tall slender lady ate an entire batch of corn fritters, would you say she was a corn fed?—Mary.

Men.

Beware the man who is half shot,
He is a pest, by jing,
For he can talk an awful lot
And never say a thing.
—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Beware 'most any kind of man,
If you would get on swimmin',
And rest your vocal chords a bit,
Go visit with the women.
—Houston Post.

Oh, Joy!

Dear Luke—One of the questions in the efficiency test sent out by the Ohio civil service commission is: "What do you read first when you pick up a newspaper?" So far I understand that the usual answer is, "Luke McLuke."—C. M. D.

Things to Worry About.

The average man has 9,000,000,000 brain cells.

Our Daily Special.

A man's idea of an even break is to get 90 per cent the best of it.

Luke McLuke Says:

There are a lot of red letter days in a young man's calendar. But after he gets married pay day is the biggest event of the week.

The lad who is always dolling up his mustache thinks it awfully funny that the girls are constantly primping their hair.

Money won't buy love. But it is there with bells on when you need a divorce.

A man believes that he is entitled to make a dozen mistakes a day. But if his wife makes one mistake he wants to fight.

Most of the good losers seem to imagine that they are expected to put on a continuous performance.

One reason why we are so quick to recognize the faults of others is because the faults are exactly like our own.

The reason why a man hasn't time to shave himself at home is because he needs the time to wait around a barber shop for a half hour for his turn.

A girl who has a complexion that looks like last summer's straw hat can be terribly scared that some brutal man is going to forcibly kiss her every time she goes downtown.

Adam didn't have much of a kick coming. Eve never belonged to an old hens' anvil association or a gabby crochet club.

The old fashioned woman who used to crawl under a feather bed when a thunderstorm came up now has a daughter who won't have a feather bed in the house because it is insanitary.

Love in a cottage these days means a $4,500 bungalow with a mission dining room and about $6,000 worth of other dornicks and fadoodles.

A man with a whole jungle on his dome isn't so particular, but a bald-headed man gets his three hairs trimmed every week and has to have a set of hair brushes.

A wife will believe a whole lot of things, but when she finds a blond hair on your vest don't try to tell her that you were playing with a collie dog and that the dog was shedding.

IS WORLD'S GREATEST CHOIR

Cathedral of Alexander Nevoski, in Petrograd, Said to Have Finest Body of Singers.

In many departments Russia has proved herself the greatest of all countries. Her dancers are the world's finest, her novelists are certainly among the world's greatest novelists her Cossacks—ask the Austrians!—are the world's fiercest fighters.

She also possesses the world's finest choir. This is in the cathedral of Alexander Nevoski, in Petrograd, and is attached to a convent erected in honor of the patron saint of Russia. It consists of about thirty members all monks, chosen from the best singers in all the Russian monasteries.

Their voices are amazingly sweet and strong, and every member of the choir can, it is said, shatter an ordinary glass into fragments merely by singing into it, so powerful are the vibrations of each voice.

These monks are trained as rigorously as any opera singer, and their whole duty at the monastery is to assist at the music at mass in the morning and vespers in the afternoon. When too old for service they are retired on pensions.

Unlike most monks, they are exceedingly fastidious about their appearance, and every night put up their hair and whiskers in paper.—Montreal Herald.

SLIGHT CHANGE IN WORDING

Wherein Wife's Letters to Husband Differed From Those That She Received From Him.

This little story was told by Congressman William H. Murray of Oklahoma the other evening, when the conversation turned to the letters that the old man writes to absent wifey in the good old summer time.

Recently two women were busily knitting scarfs and things for the soldiers, when one of them casually referred to a summer visit she had made to the mountains.

"That makes me think," was the smiling response of the other. "What kind of letters does your husband write you when you are away on your summer trips?"

"He always writes very affectionately," answered the first, pausing to see if she had dropped any stitches. "He invariably begins with 'My precious treasure,' and ends by sending me his love."

"Very beautiful," was the smiling comment of the first. "I suppose you answer in the same loving vein?"

"With a slight variation," reflectively replied the first. "I start my letter with 'My precious treasurer,' and end by asking him to send me $10."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Potato Flour.

Experiments carried out by a Danish medical man seem to show that potato flour, which is now largely used for breadmaking in Germany, has strong nutritious properties. In order to prove that albumen is not essential to the maintenance of the human system, Doctor Hindhede has since 1895 lived for months at a stretch on potatoes for his staple diet, flavored only occasionally with butter and milk. He further induced his gardener, Frederick Madsen, to live on potatoes for 300 days at a stretch, his average consumption being nine pounds a day. During the experimental period Madsen was so closely watched that his master can vouch that he tasted no other food, yet the diet left him stronger than he had ever been. But what a life!

Beautiful Ypres.

The old Belgian city of Ypres, which has suffered much destruction at the hands of the Germans, was at one time one of the most flourishing cities in West Flanders, with a population of almost 200,000. Like other ancient cities of Belgium, it has many architectural and artistic reminders of its past greatness in its Cloth hall, Guild hails, and churches, the burghers' houses, many of which have now been laid in ruins by German guns. The Cloth hall, which was commenced in the year 1200, and took a century to build, has a beautiful facade 120 yards in length; while there are also the Meat hall, the Cathedral of St. Martin, and a number of fine old houses with the wooden facades Flemish architects were so fond of.

Men's Ankles.

Another reform the war should bring about touches the ankles of men. Who would have thought Londoners to be so good looking as are these recruits—all of them—as they go by? It is not the color, for khaki is not flattering; it is not the cap, though that is decidedly becoming; it is chiefly or entirely the putties. These restore to the figure of man its shape, its spring, its poise, its distinction. Why not take heart of grace and abolish the tube trousers for good and all?—London Chronicle.

Tiflis.

Tiflis, which the czar has been visiting, and terming "a pearl of the Russian crown," was described by Mr. James Bryce some forty years since as "a human melting pot, a city of contrasts and mixtures, into which elements have been poured from half Europe and Asia, and in which they as yet show no signs of combining." The description holds good today, for there are said to be 70 languages spoken in the streets of the ancient city by representatives of as many nationalities.

Soissons.

Soissons, whose ruined cathedral now takes rank with Reims, has a religious and a military history unparalleled among French towns. More than one great abbey took root in the town, but the greatest of all was that of St. Medard, whose abbot, in the thirteenth century, lorded it over 220 villages, with innumerable manors and vassals. St. Medard drew in 1500 over 200,000 pilgrims to the famous shrine. One or two of the early kings of France are buried in what remains of the crypt of the old abbey. Every war that France has suffered from has visited Soissons with intense severity, sacking and bombardment following fast and following faster. A century ago, in 1814, the town was twice captured by the allies and retaken by the French, to become, in the following year, a cockpit for the contending armies.

Worked Both Ways.

A story is told by President Poincare of an old peasant who was very superstitious. A neighbor said to him one day:

"That potato you gave me to carry in my pocket as a cure for rheumatism has had a wonderful effect. I haven't had a twinge since you gave it to me."

"There!" exclaimed the peasant, triumphantly. "I told you a potato carried in the pocket was a cure for rheumatism, and you wouldn't believe me."

"Yes," the other admitted, "and the really strange thing is that it must have been exercising its influence on me before you gave it to me, for I never had a twinge before I began carrying it."

Dread Year of the Tiger.

The Year of the Tiger—1914 was so called in the Japanese calendar—foreboded calamity in the prophecies of that people. The Japan Chronicle notes that the ancient superstition is confirmed by the European war, beside which the volcanic eruption at Kagoshima was of trifling consequence.

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Miss Celina Hagerty has returned home after visiting relatives in Connellsville.

Edward Newell spent Sunday here.

Harry Fortney of Scottdale spent Sunday with his brother Charles.

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Jesse Baldwin of Donora recently visited his sister Mrs. George Dennis.

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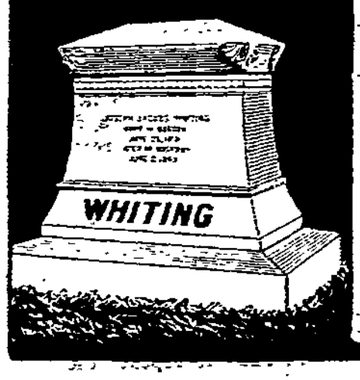

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SHOWS STRENGTH OF HABIT

All the Devastation of War Has Not Caused French to Deviate From Regular Ways.

It was Carlyle, we believe, who remarked the narrow orbit of great events. While mobs were tearing at the stones of the Bastile, groups of men in other parts of Paris haggled over copper coins, quarreled over the depredations of house cats, discussed poetry and philosophy or matched predictions on the weather. The fall of the Bastile was to echo down the ages. But the world of accustomed ways continued its way unchecked.

An American, lately returned from Europe, reports that the most astonishing thing about the war to him was the absence of signs of war.

"When you travel by rail if you did not know that war was in the country you would never suspect it unless you wondered why a red-hatted, blue-coated guard, with a rifle carelessly swung over his shoulder, was noticeable now and then by cross-road or near the buttress of an important railroad bridge.

"The big black and white horses are plowing in the fields, the red and black cattle and the sheep and hogs are grazing in the fields and pastures.

"As you approach Paris at night, you see families dining by uncurtained windows in blazing light. You are astonished after your London experience of semidarkness to find the boulevards ablaze and no apparent fear of aerial enemies or sky invasions, although aeroplanes and Zeppelins and bombs may be flying and fighting only 50 miles away.

"The inhabitants, young and old, picnic in the Bois de Boulogne.

"You smile and join with the people in their curiosity excursions."

War, for all its earth-shaking, devastating, upheaving violence, is yet weaker than human habit.

URGES VALUE OF HOSPITAL

Medical Expert Declares Mother Love Cannot Take the Place of the Trained Nurse.

"Skillful home nursing is a great blessing," says Dr. H. W. Hill of the Minnesota Public Health association. "Everyone wishes that every mother might be a skilled nurse, for such services are required at least three to four times by each child for serious infections as well as for many minor troubles. But skillful nursing in the home is beyond most mothers, despite all loving desire to do the best for their sick ones.

"When actual knowledge of the care of really sick persons is needed, and especially where infectious cases are concerned, not only is the average mother's training insufficient for the patient's best welfare, but lack of practice as well as inexperience tells heavily on the mother in her efforts to prevent the spread of infection to others. A trained nurse is invaluable in such cases, but even better is it that the sick one should be removed to a hospital. This is especially true for the patient suffering from tuberculosis, and avoids danger to the other members of the family as well."

Helgoland's Lighthouse.

The most important lighthouse at the present time, so far as actual operations are concerned, is the light of Helgoland, the island which Germany has turned into a naval base. The Helgoland light is an electric one and the most powerful in Germany, and is claimed by the Germans to be the most powerful light in existence. The light consists of a cluster of three revolving lights, having a lighting power of 40,000,000 candles, a magnitude of light which from figures alone is hard and difficult to realize. The lights are on the searchlight principle, and the cluster is surmounted by a single light, of the same kind and size, that can be revolved independently and three times as fast as the three lights. The single light is put into use in case of accident to the cluster of three. The electric power is generated by two steam engines and boilers, running belt-driven electric generators.

Highly Paid British Diplomats.

The salaries of British ministers and ambassadors, which range from $6,500 to $57,500 a year, are still inadequate to meet the demands upon them, says the report of the royal commission on the civil service, which has been studying the diplomatic service with a view to its democratization and improvement. The report states that the salaries paid at present to the higher members of the diplomatic service are as follows: Paris, $57,500 per year; Washington, $50,000 per year; four other embassies, $25,000 to $35,000 per year; first class missions, $12,000 to $22,500 per year; second-class missions, $6,500 to $12,500 per year.

Dog Rescues Ice Skater.

Carroll Searls had a narrow and wonderful escape from death while attempting to skate on the ice at the city reservoir. He tried the ice at first and decided it was strong enough to hold him. While skating it suddenly gave way and he was precipitated into the cold water.

His dog saw the predicament and ran across the ice to where the hole had been broken and attempted to drag his young master to safety. It took but a short time for young Searls to find the bank, and a quick trip home in his icy clothing apparently left him without serious results.—Nevada City Dispatch to San Diego Union.

MODERN PROGRESS A SHAM?

Writer in the Atlantic Disinclined to Believe That the Human Race Is Advancing Rapidly.

After all, are frenzied motion and progress synonymous? Any kitten chasing its own tail might, if we were really observant, disprove for us much of our modern claim of great gain. Would any age of real progress talk so much about progress, and so loudly count its achievements? Is not much of this done to hide the inner sense of loss and lack? Perhaps it is from a far-off country childhood that I derive a persistent belief, not obscured by all the noise and dust and glamour of our time, that real growth is silent. For many and many a day I have heard this glowing talk of progress, of widening intellectual horizons, and for many a day have watched the growing wistfulness of human faces. The more thoughtful become increasingly sad, while the number of the merely stolid increases apace, as do the restless ones, with their apparent longing for distraction and change. Unfinished faces, unsatisfied faces, are familiar to us all. They lack the high record of experience greatly taken; expression that denotes profound inner life. Today we are so comfortable, so enlightened, and, with our widening philanthropy, so estimable, that we surely ought to be happy! Yet we see few satisfied faces, such as we can remember from long ago, full of inner content, faces "on which the dove of peace sat brooding," and we pause to ask what our boasted progress has to offer in compensation for the great loss that has come through the seeming gain of these later years?—From the Atlantic.

DON'T BOTTLE THE "WHYS"

Excellent Reasons Why Child Should Even Be Encouraged to Ask Questions of All Sorts.

One father who has had some success in training his children to think and act for themselves well and wisely, declares that the secret lies in answering all their questions fully, frankly, and sympathetically, says the Youth's Companion. He tells the child everything he knows on each question that is asked, and if his knowledge is not adequate, spares no pains to make it so. The method is not always convenient for the teacher, but it results in a surprisingly large fund of information for the pupil, an ever growing desire for more, a habit of going straight to his father for enlightenment and a sense of responsibility for his own conduct.

Aside from the inconvenience, the reason why parents so commonly object to this way of dealing with the questioning habit is the fear that the child will never permit them to make any exceptions, but experience has proved that the fear is groundless. Instead of making himself disagreeable, the child usually acquiesces. He is willing for once to remain ignorant; for having learned that his father and mother are sympathetic and reasonable, he concludes that in this case it is not possible for them to explain, and so is content to obey without knowing why.

For Refreshing Sleep.

A common cause for restless sleep is a bed with sagging springs and cobble-stone mattress. For the victim of insomnia money spent for good springs and mattress is well invested. It is difficult to relax your head resting on a hill, your feet on another and a bottomless abyss between.

There are countless schemes for forcing relaxation when sleep comes reluctantly. Sometimes it may help to count imaginary sheep filing through a breach in a stone wall, or just to count slowly until you forget yourself. But we imagine a better plan is to think away back and try to recall memories of childhood and the little incidents of childhood days.

A dark room, cold air, warm night clothing, warm feet, comfortably filled stomach, a good spring and mattress, and, above all, a clear conscience, will permit relaxation and refreshing sleep.

Testimonial as Proof.

"How do you like your typewriter?" asked a salesman of one of his customers.

"It's most satisfactory!" was the reply. "I wonder how I ever got along without it!"

"That's fine! Would you be willing to give me a little testimonial to that effect?"

"Why, certainly I will," and according to Everybody's Magazine, he pounded out the following:

"After Using thee automatic Back-action atype writer for thre emonths and Over. I unhesittattingly pronounce it prono nce it to be al ad even more than thee Manufacturs claim? for it. During the time been in our possessio e. i. th ree monthz! id has more th an paid for for itself in the Saveing of time and labrr? John I Smith."

What Baby Said.

The good grocer calls at their house every day to get orders. He is good because he brings candy to the children.

A morning or two ago he passed a few dainty bits to the baby, who is just learning big talk.

"What do you say to the man, dear?" mother said to the recipient, her heart bent on teaching her children politeness. The baby didn't get it for a moment, then blurted:

"Has you dot any more?"

HEARD AT DELIVERY DESK

Librarian Is Frequently the Recipient of Confidences That Are Distinctly of Private Nature.

"My husband's been sick, and he ain't well enough yet to do more'n lie on the sofa and read," a brisk matron explained lately to the librarian of a small city. "He likes travel books best. He's raised up the north pole and the south pole, now I'd like to take him something about the discovery of the equator."

Although the librarian was unable to comply with the request precisely in the way the matron expected, at least she had no difficulty in understanding what was wanted. Sometimes much more reasonable inquiries are so worded as to test to the utmost the ingenuity and imagination of the willing but bewildered provider of literature. A member of the staff of the St. Louis public library records a few examples:

"The Sphinx and Pyrenees," was readily rectified to the "Sphinx and Pyramids;" the description of a painting by "Remembrance" was, after a little thought, produced—although the artist was Rembrandt; a natural history book on "Knowing, Inveterate and Cavernous Animals" was interpreted satisfactorily as one upon animals that are gnawing, invertebrate or carnivorous. Even the boy who demanded a thrilling tale entitled, "Fighting With the Hi-Hos" was not disappointed. He received "Riflemen of the Ohio."

With the frequenters of the children's room, who so often seek advice and assistance, the friendly librarian is frequently on confidential terms—so much so that unexpected domestic revelations are occasionally made. Joe, a constant borrower, inquired anxiously one Saturday:

"Missus, how much will I have to pay if I keep my book until Monday?"

"You book is due today," he was told, "but you have an hour's time before the library closes. Why don't you go home and get it?"

"Can't," said Joe.

"Why can't you?" persisted the attendant.

"'Cause," said Joe, "I'll get a bath if I do."—Youth's Companion.

WHEN SUN "DRAWS WATER"

Some Erroneous Ideas That Seem to Have Taken a Firm Hold on the People's Imagination.

When the sun is to the east or west of us on a cloudy or hazy day, beams are often seen radiating from it toward the horizon; then many people say the sun is "drawing water." They actually believe that the lines of light and shadow appearing to converge in the sun are great shafts of water and the vapor that the sun is drawing up into the air to be precipitated later on the earth as rain or snow. These shafts as a matter of fact are generally indicative of coming rainy weather, but they cannot be counted on as infallible signs.

The idea that the sun is "drawing water," however, is entirely erroneous, for the lines seen are the result of the passage of light through openings in clouds already formed. The lines that appear dark are shadows of clouds while the light lines are rays from the sun made visible in the air by the presence therein of dust or watery vapor, just as the dust in the air of a room makes visible the light that enters it through small apertures.—The Pathfinder.

Making It Emphatic.

She sailed into the telegraph office and rapped on the counter. As the clerk came forward to meet her he remembered that she had been there about ten minutes before. He wondered what she wanted this time.

"Oh," she said, "let me have that telegram I wrote just now; I forgot something very important. I wanted to underscore 'perfectly lovely' in acknowledging the receipt of that bracelet. Will it cost anything extra?"

"No, ma'am," said the clerk, as he handed her the message.

The young lady drew two heavy lines beneath the words, and said:

"It's awfully good of you to let me do that. It will please Arthur ever so much."—Youth's Companion.

Crowding In.

How many fares may be crowded into a jitney at one time? The night is dark and stormy. It is a long way home. Six little playmates, three young men and three young women are waiting on a corner to catch the first jitney home. Along breezes a five-passenger car. One of the five seats is occupied by the driver. Now we leave it to you, gentle reader. Is the party to be split up? Are three to stand there in the downpour until the next jitney happens along, or are the young men to forget their own comfort for the nonce and hold the storm-bound young women on their knees? It is opportunities like this that keep Cupid busy.—Jane Dixon, in New York Sun.

The Humble Toiler.

"You must put your shoulder to the wheel in this campaign," said the alert manager.

"I understand that," said the obscure but willing worker. "But you want to let me know when you're going to change your mind about going ahead. The last time I put my shoulder to the wheel the band wagon suddenly backed up and over me."—Washington Star.

SONGBIRDS OF GREAT VALUE

Rarest Varieties Command Large Sums When They Are Offered for Sale to Fanciers.

The recent international bird show has provided some astonishing facts and figures regarding the value of songbirds. There are nearly one hundred classes of canaries. That they can be Norwich or Lancashire, Border or Yorkshire variegated, hzard, unflighted, clear, cross-bred, created self or foul conveys very little to the average mind but leaves one marveling at the variety of chirping little creatures whose feathers are every conceivable shade of yellow.

One marvels also at the variety of birds that could be kept as pets. Finches, linnets, redpoles, tomtits, robins, wrens, stonechats, babblers and long tailed, short-tailed, wag-tailed and crested varieties of all of them in every size, from the minute humming bird to the plump scarlet cockatoo, all vie for that popularity which up to the present has been the monopoly of the canary.

And these little birds are all quite cheap. A few dollars will buy most of them, but on the other hand $2,500 would be asked for a gorgeous crimson bird of paradise or $5,000 for the canary bullfinch "White Rose," the most expensive songbird in the world.

FOEMEN MADE MANY VISITS

Aged French Couple Kept Track of Number of Times Germans Had Been in Village.

Travelers in France just now have to stay at all sorts of queer places for the night. A correspondent writes to say that he was forced to stop for the night at a little village near Reims. "An old Frenchman and his wife, both over eighty years of age, gave me a room in the house," he writes.

"Before going to bed the old people talked about the war. They had been living together in this same house during the Franco-German war and, said the old man, 'it does not seem five minutes ago. While we have been living here, he went on 'the German soldiers during the two wars have been billeted in this house no fewer than twenty-two times. During this war they have been backwards and forwards on three or four occasions.'

"These old French people—the woman looked very sweet in her snow-white cap—actually kept a score of the number of times the Germans had been through the village in war times. 'Do you think they have now gone for good?' asked the old man. 'Shall I ever have to make another mark on the score?'"

Bees to Fight Troops.

In the bush fighting in East Africa the Germans and their black troops placed hives of wild bees, partially stupefied by smoke, under lids on each side of narrow tracks along which our troops must advance. Wires or cords lifted the lids when touched by the advancing troops, and swarms of infuriated bees, recovered from their temporary stupor, were let loose on the attackers. The failure of the attack at certain points is said to have been due as much to this onslaught of the "little people" as to the German rifles and machine-guns, many men being so horribly stung on the face or hands as to be temporarily blinded or rendered incapable of holding their weapons. Over one hundred stings are said to have been extracted from one of the men of the Royal North Lancashires.—London Mail.

Gun Has No Recoil.

An officer of the United States navy has invented a gun that fires a six-pound projectile without recoil. This gun, because of the absence of recoil, is well adapted to use on aeroplanes or dirigibles. The gun has both ends open to the atmosphere. The shell has the projectile fitted into one end, and in the other end is a mass of birdshot. The shot is of sufficient weight to furnish the required reaction when the projectile is discharged from the other end of the gun. When the gun is fired the projectile is thrown from the muzzle at a high velocity while the shot is discharged from the breech at low velocity.

Criticizes Hospitals.

Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt has given much time and money to the question of the selling of drugs and the treatment of those who become victims, which the city of New York takes care. She now declared the manner in which the city of New York takes care of the drug "fiends" a hideous farce. After ten days the victims are sent out of the hospitals "cured," and she says they leave shattered in nerve and unable to fight against the drug. Katherine Bement Davis, commissioner of charities in New York, says that between 35 and 50 per cent of all the criminals are drug fiends.

A Prudent Provision.

"Jones is nothing if not thorough. No matter how he starts out, he always gets to the bottom of things."

"Then it is very lucky for him that he didn't start out as a sea captain."

The Difficulty.

Maud—Haven't you and Jack been engaged long enough to get married?

Marie—Too long. He hasn't got a cent left.—Boston Evening Transcript.

A Palpable Hint.

Mr. Slowboy (calling on girl)—You seem—er—rather distant this evening.

The Girl—Well, your chair isn't nailed down, is it?—Brooklyn Eagle.

SOOTHED THE CRYING CHILD

Escaping Convict Proved to Mother That She Need Have No Fear in His Presence.

Tenderly petting a young and crying baby which he had picked up from its crib, escaped convict Peter Tosti succeeded in convincing Mrs. Charles Kelley of San Rafael, Cal., after he had gained entrance to her home that he would not harm her and her two children.

Tosti told Mrs. Kelley that all he wanted was something to eat and a change of wearing apparel for his prison stripes.

Mrs. Kelley was awakened by the crying of her two babies, who had been disturbed by the convict. As she awoke she saw Tosti pick up the younger one and soothingly begin to rock it. He kept this up until the child fell asleep. Noticing that Mrs. Kelley was awake, Tosti addressed her, saying:

"Don't be afraid. I am fond of children and I would not harm two like these—or their mother."

After this he kept up a running fire of conversation, and as soon as he had foraged in the kitchen for some victuals he left, apologizing for his intrusion. With Tosti went Mrs. Kelley's husband's overcoat.

Tosti had served only two years of a ten-year sentence for grand larceny committed in Merced county when he escaped from San Quentin.

HAS TO DRAW ON ENGLAND

France Feeling the Scarcity of Coal Consequent on the German Control of the Mines.

France is now compelled to call on England for coal, which was formerly mined in the north of France. Practically all the mines in that district have either been destroyed by the German artillery or are being operated by Germans. At Lievin and Courrieres the German army is carrying on extensive mining operations and producing great quantities of coal, which are being shipped into Belgium for the use of the German military forces.

France is no longer able to draw coal from Mons and Charleroi, which formerly supplied large quantities for exportation. Consequently, the residents of northern France are largely dependent upon English mines for coal, which has become very scarce.

Frequently towns and villages near the fighting lines are entirely without coal for a week. This works great hardship on hospitals, sadly in need of the fuel for hundreds of thousands of wounded and the sick soldiers of the allies who are being cared for in French towns.

Hospital Barges.

Northern France is rich in waterways, and hospital barges are already running between Paris and the battle-front, under the auspices of the Union des Femmes de France. The hold is enameled white and fitted with 40 beds, and at the end is the nurse's retiring-room. The barge-master's cabin is converted into a living-room for two surgeons. There is an operating-room, too, with washing gear, an electric plant, and a perfect system of heating. To convert a Seine barge into a gondola of this kind costs a bare $500, and the results are beyond praise—especially to fracture cases, to whom the jolting road is agony.

The wounded are hoisted in by means of small cranes, and the barge is then towed by steam or motor yachts lent by wealthy persons, who are more than glad not only to lend their boats free of charge, but to navigate them in person, thus sharing in the work of mercy.

Dyeing War Horses.

Ever since the war broke out experiments have been made with a view to dyeing the coats of white horses, but simple as it may seem to the uninitiated a satisfactory result has not yet been obtained. Numerous inventors came forward with vaunted dyes, but after the preliminary tests only one liquid seemed to resist the rain satisfactorily. A battery of 24 white horses was consequently treated, and sent out on duty in all weathers. When they returned after a week or ten days all the beasts were of a beautiful bottle green, and are expected to retain that hue for some time to come.

Automatic Post Office in Paris.

The first of the automatic post offices which are shortly to be installed at different points in Paris is already working in the great waiting room of the Gare St. Lazare. It is very much of the type of the ordinary automatic machine, but distributes, instead of chocolates and matches, stamps of the required denomination, postal cards and letter cards. The machine takes only French money, but conscientiously returns such coins as it does not accept as current. At each side of the machine are ledges on which the client can scribble his correspondence, which he can then place in the letter box.

Claims Important Discoveries.

A Savannah, Ga., man has claimed to have discovered a chemical which when applied to growing cotton turns it jet black. He also claims to be able to grow roses of a pure velvet black and he believes his discovery will revolutionize the cultivation of plants generally.

The Idea.

"How is it, my man, that you can afford to give up working now?"

"Sure, sir, I'm going to be married."

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SUITABLE FOR HUMAN FOOD

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According to some reports great ingenuity in the use of scientific knowledge in extracting food values from unusual sources is being employed, the Baltimore Star states. There are many articles good for human food and wholesome food at that, which under ordinary conditions are not drawn upon at all. There are the angle worm, the grasshopper and fully a score of plants not ordinarily used as food which, properly prepared, constitute nourishing foods. It is perhaps only the most desperate and resolute sort of appetite that would stand for the earth worm, but they have been eaten even by highly civilized people and when properly prepared are said to be not so bad. Why should we be squeamish about the angle worm when we eat the oyster, stomach, lungs and everything but the shell?

As to grasshoppers they were an ancient delicacy and are yet so regarded by many races who know what's what in the way of good things to eat. All the grasses that are eaten by animals have nourishing juices. Clover and green timothy possess a higher food quality than cabbage or potatoes. Boiled to tenderness they would prevent starvation. There have been famine periods when human beings have been obliged to eat field grasses and wild plant roots.

NOT GLAD TIME FOR WHALES

Resemblance to a Submarine Already Is Known to Have Meant Death to One.

"In the North sea lived a whale." That was long ago. Olivette in Audran's long popular operetta told about the luckless end of that marine mammal in melodious fashion. That whale met a torpedo, and, mistaking it for another and undesirable fish or strange shape, gave it battle with dire results. Now from the same region we have authentic information of a whale which was mistaken, not by another whale, but by a warship, for a submarine boat.

The body of that whale has been cast up on the Dutch coast full of holes made by three-inch shells. Perhaps a whale resembles a submarine more closely than it resembles a torpedo. There are architectural differences, to be sure, which would be noted except in moments of extreme excitement. On and near the North sea today, however, there is a great deal of excitement, and this doubtless perfectly neutral creature has suffered in consequence of it. There is no evidence that this whale, like his predecessor, "loved to swagger and bully," or that "the ladies loved him so." Not being in comic opera, he, or she, presumably had no characteristics unusual to the whales of sober natural history. No record of the incident except the stranding of the mortal remnant exists. One who would describe the encounter must use his imagination. A Kipling or a Bullen might be moved to splendid utterance by contemplation of this tragedy, but in a daily newspaper we must stick to facts, and the ascertained facts in this case are scant.

NOT THE DESIRED HAVEN

Place Described Filled the Bill in Some Respects, But Also Had Its Disadvantages.

"Well, brothers," said the umber visaged man, rising in their midst. "this is my first attendance, but I am a Socialist almost by nature, and I think I can understand, from the previous speakers, what you want. In the first place, you want a realm where everyone has to be good by law."

"We do, we do!" cried half a dozen long-haired young men in turned-down collars.

The speaker continued.

"Where food and clothing give no trouble, and money does not exist."

"That's it! That's what we want."

"Where everyone goes to worship on Sunday, and regular hours are kept, week in, week out."

"Yes, that's it."

"Well, I myself have just come from such a place."

"Where? What's it called?"

"It's a place called prison," he said, and resumed his seat.—London Tit-Bits.

REALLY WAS NO MYSTERY

Seeming Puzzle of Two Sunsets in Two Minutes Easily Explained After a Little Thought.

A rambler was reading an incident that had been no part of his planning for that particular trip:

"It was like one of those moments the neurasthenic knows when he doubts the testimony of his senses and trembles with the fear that at last his mind is giving way. But the twain behind me exclaimed together at the phenomenon, and I breathed easily once more.

"Leaving Tarrytown toward five o'clock on a perfect afternoon, I settled back comfortably to enjoy the setting of the sun as it traveled with what seemed undue haste toward a high peak of the Palisades. Then, as if at a signal, it dropped behind the peak, leaving a dull brazen trail of its glory. I shut my eyes, a little disappointed at so hurried a closing of one of those days when it seems good to be alive.

"As the train jolted out of Greystone I blinked and beheld in upsetting wonderment the sun again going down, this time goldenly, slowly, with a fitting majesty of motion. Lower and still lower it sank, until there was visible only a lovely field of many-toned amber."

"But two sunsets?"

"The difference in altitude of the cliff towers at various points is the explanation."

Read the Mail Ads

ADDITION TO WAR'S HORRORS

American Claims to Have Invented a Shell Capable of Scattering Molten Steel.

A new type of projectile which would scatter a white-hot mixture of molten steel over the object of attack and at the same time permeate the atmosphere with a deadly gas, which would make it impossible for fire fighters to approach, has been invented by John Hays Hammond, Jr., according to a statement made by him. This new missile, he says, may soon appear in the European war.

The missile is designed for use in siege guns, as an aid in destroying towns and dirigible balloons. Mr. Hammond explained that the projectile carried an aluminothermic mixture which, five seconds after the projectile was discharged, would turn the steel inside to a white-hot mixture at a temperate of 5,400 degrees Fahrenheit. When the projectile hits the target, the inventor said, it explodes, its white-hot contents setting fire to whatever inflammable material it strikes. To avoid the possibility of quenching the flames, Mr. Hammond said he had equipped the projectile with a chamber filled with hydrocyanic acid, the fumes of which are deadly.

The inventor is a son of the famous engineer, John Hays Hammond. He invented wireless control of submarine torpedoes.

Army Nurse's Bravery.

Mlle. Korkeenah, a Russian Sister of Mercy, has been decorated by the Russian government for bravery. She was working in a Russian field hospital in the neighborhood of Soldau, East Prussia. When the Germans attacked the position of the Russian troops Nurse Korkeenah remained all alone in the hospital tending the wounds of private soldiers and officers. Although the hospital was already in the center of the sphere of the enemy's fire, Mlle. Korkeenah boldly came outside, procured a number of horses, harnessed them, found several vehicles, and, with the aid of the slightly wounded men, lifted the patients into the vehicles and drove them away to a place of safety.

Ever Hit Thumb With a Hammer?

Here is a little device which you can make at home by which the tiniest tack can be held without possibility of injury to the fingers. Take a strip of tin about three-quarters of an inch wide and about six or seven inches long. Shape it with a small slot in one end. Then double it, bending at the middle. When ready to insert the nail, put it into the slot, which will hold it by its head. This gives a kind of handle by means of which you can hold the nail perfectly upright while you hit it with the hammer. Of course the holder must be pulled away before the nail or tack has gone all the way into the wood. If you have not the tin at hand strong cardboard will serve the purpose. Try this little device just once and I am sure you will feel amply repaid for your trouble in making it, as it will prevent many a bruised finger.—Woman's Home Companion.

A Short Memory.

Uncle Jed was a trifle slack about quitting the bottom when the levee broke, and had to take to a tree. Morning came, and there was sixty feet of Mississippi flood water between him and shore. The preacher happened along on the high ground and saw Jed, but there wasn't any boat. Moreover, Jed's suspicion that there were alligators about was well founded.

The preacher besought Jed to swim, but in vain. Finally he called out:

"Jed, have faith. Remember how Jonah was cared for in the whale and saved after three days."

Jed spoke earnestly.

"Yas, suh, I remember. I ain' denyin' nuthin' 'bout Jonah, 'cause I wa'n't nigh um. But dis year alligator, he ain' no whale, suh. Alligator, he eat a nigger an' go off an' sleep a week, sur, an' disremember all 'bout dat nigger inside um!"

His Idea.

Those angelic-looking little boys, with golden curls, are usually just like other boys; a fact often overlooked by female relatives and other adoring ladies. One of this cherubic brand of small boy came back from school the other day rather depressed because he had no nickname.

"I spoke to the teacher about it," he confessed, his big eyes opened wide, a mournful look about his angelic mouth. "I told her some nicknames that I'd like."

"And what were the names?" inquired a rapturous maiden aunt.

"Bunco Bill or The Slugger," replied the angelic one.

ENTRY BLANKS FOR BIG SCHOOL MEET SENT OUT

Chairman Dean of Committee Asks Co-operation in Making High School Field Events at County Seat a Big Success.

R. C. Dean of the Monongahela High school, chairman of the committee in charge of the county high school track and field meet to be held at Washington two weeks from last Saturday, has sent entry blanks to all the high schools in the county. Accompanying the blanks is a letter from Chairman Dean asking for co-operation and promising a royal welcome to the high school athletes when they reach Washington.

A fee of 25 cents is required for each athlete entered and contestants' tickets will be issued as soon as these fees are received, these tickets admitting principal or coach and his team. In addition to the two handsome trophies, one for each class, which are offered, the committee announces that a booster trophy cup will be offered to the class selling the largest number of field tickets, the sale to close at 7 o'clock on the evening of Thursday, May 6. Any school desiring to enter this booster trophy contest can secure tickets by making a requisition for them. The cup will be awarded to the president of the winning class at the field meet on May 8.

The contestants in the field meet this year will all wear numbers. Last year an effort was made to distinguish the contestants by the colors of their school but this was found to be unsatisfactory and the number system was adopted. The committee is endeavoring to make this meet the biggest thing in athletics fostered in the county and indications are that a small army of preparatory school boys will be seen in competition two weeks hence.

All student entered in the meet must have a certificate that they have been regularly enrolled since September 1, 1914, such certificate to be made by the school principal. The meet will start at 2 o'clock and the track events will be run off in the following order: 100-yard dash, half mile run, 220 yards low hurdles, 440-yard dash, one mile run, 220-yard dash, one mile relay. The field events which will be held simultaneous with the races will come in the following order: Discus throw, pole vault, running high jump, shot put, running broad jump.

CORONER HEFFRAN GOES TO HOSPITAL TO RECUPERATE

Coroner James T. Heffran Sunday went to the Mercy hospital at Pittsburg to take treatment for indigestion and any kindred ailment from which he may be suffering. He has not been in the best of health for some time and will spend the next two or three weeks resting up. In the meantime his work will be handled by his corps of deputies over the county. He expects to get back into harness shortly.

SUNDAY EVENING BATTLE IS OF SHORT DURATION

A battle of short duration between Tony Bender a promoter of boxing bouts and Willis Briggs which is said to have occurred on McKean avenue Sunday evening at about 9 o'clock has been reported to the police. Bender has been arrested and the police are looking for Briggs. The disturbance, which occurred near Fifth street, attracted a crowd to the street there.

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MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR HOSPITAL BENEFIT

"Ye Old Country Store" to be Conducted For One Week Beginning Saturday—Getting People Now to Aid Movement.

As a part of the campaign for the Charleroi-Monessen hospital and the plan for opening "Ye Old Country Store" at the Monessen end of the Charleroi bridge on Saturday, May 1, this week will be devoted to three matters of importance, viz: erecting the building for the store, securing the services of competent and trustworthy managers and clerks for the seven days, Saturday May 1 until Saturday May 8, and providing an opportunity for the merchants and the business men on both towns to give merchandise with the proper credit, for disposition over the counters of "Ye Old Country Store."

A committee has been appointed to take charge of the gathering of this merchandise and arrangements are now being made to call upon all merchants and business men in Monessen Monday and Tuesday, while those in Charleroi will be visited Wednesday and Thursday. The merchandise, whatever one desires to offer for sale for the hospital, will be disposed of at this unique store. Credit cards of the donors will be attached to each article of merchandise.

The receipts of these sales are to go mainly toward the maintenance and support of the hospital after the expenses of the enterprise are met. The services of all local people assisting are given free, but the promoters of the idea will receive a percentage, settlements to be made each night by the managers in charge.

Some of the leading men and women of the two towns will have charge of the store on the various nights. While the schedule of nights and duty has not been arranged, such men as Kerfoot W. Daly, W. R. Gaut, Burgess S. L. Woodward, R. H. Rush and others of Charleroi; and John J. Cushing, 'Squire A. N. Shuster, Eli H. Walf and C. L. Schuck and others of Monessen will be on the job.

These men will secure some of the best looking and most efficient clerical corps to be found in any store in the Monongahela valley. At least two men and a half dozen young ladies and women will be required each night.

There will be many useful and beautiful articles to be disposed of at novel prices, in unique ways. Those back of the project are greatly encouraged over the way people are taking hold of it.

RATE MODIFICATION IS ASKED BY PITTSBURG & LAKE ERIE

The Pittsburg Lake Erie Railroad company has made application to the public service commission at Harrisburg for a modification of an order made August 5, 1914, fixing a rate of 75 cents a ton for the transportion of limestone from Union Springs to Monessen.

The petitioner objects because it was allowed but 25 per cent of this joint rate, while the division that went to the Pennsylvania railroad is 75 per cent and further claims that inasmuch as the rate in effect between July 28, 1913 and March 31, 1914 was not attacked in the complaint, it was not an issue.

Entertainment at Roscoe.

Charless Sumner Wyatt, the operatic baritone and Mrs. Wyatt will appear tonight at Roscoe to give an entertainment at the Roscoe Presbyterian church. Tomorrow night they will give an entertainment at the Monessen Baptist church.

PERSONALS

Russel Jones of Washington visited with Miss Thelma Durrell Sunday.

Miss Harriet Jolliffe of Bellevue was an over Sunday visitor with friends in Charleroi.

M. M. McDermott of Pittsburg visited with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDermott of Crest avenue Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Reeves and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reeves visited at the home of William Vance of Carmichaels Sunday taking the trip by automobile.

Miss Helen Meeker was a Pittsburg visitor Monday.

Harry Jacobs and Herbert Jacobs have gone to Easton.

Miss Lura Wingett has gone to Connellsville where she will visit with Mr. and Mrs. Charless Gear.

Mr. and Mrs. George Leith, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stech, Dr. J. W. Manon and Dr. F. C. Stahlman were in Bentleyville Sunday evening to attend the baccalaureate services at the Bentleyville high school, Rev. John R. Burson, pastor of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church here preaching the sermon.

"SWEET FAMILY" TO BE GIVEN; FORMER CHARLEROI GIRL TO SING

Tomorrow night at the Methodist Episcopal church "The Sweet Family" will be given as a benefit for the Epworth League of the church. The first part of the program will be given up to musical numbers. Miss Edith Crill of Pittsburg, formerly of Charleroi will sing, a male quartet consisting of

Miss Edith Crill.

Ward Snyder, Ralph Hickey, John Pollock and Joseph Pearson will render selections and Guy Michener will play violin solos, with accompaniment by Miss Audrey Michener. The second part of the program will be that entirely of "The Sweet Family."

"DU BARRY" TO BE PALACE ATTRACTION

This evening the attraction at the Palace theatre will be "Du Barry" a special five act picture with Mrs. Leslie Carter in the leading role. The picture is taken from the play of the same name.

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